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ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **JANUARY 23, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee was called to Order by Committee Chair, Edward Reading at 10:05 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chair, Edward Reading
Committee Vice-Chair, Sylvia Lippe
Committee Member, Jamie Lugo

Absent:

Committee Member, Norwood Allen

Also Present:

Nancy Miller, Deputy Attorney General
Milagros Collazo, Executive Director
Michela Ross, Government Rep

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and the Courier Post and also posted on the Committee's web page.

Announcement of Quorum

Committee Chair Edward Reading announced that a quorum was present at 10:06 a.m.

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

A. December 19, 2014 Public Minutes

Upon motion by Jamie Lugo seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee members present voted to approve the December 19, 2014 public minutes as amended. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

V. LEGISLATIVE REGULATORY

A. Senate Bill 2631

This Bill provides for the involuntary commitment to treatment for substance abuse disorders. *Upon motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Jamie Lugo, the Committee voted to support this bill if amended. The Committee had concerns regarding the facilities that currently exist; do they have locked, sufficient space, personnel on staff who are qualified to diagnose and medical means to treat those with severe chemical dependence.*

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Licensing Activity Report

	LCADC	CADC
Active	1762	686
Inactive	115	48
Pending	401	685
Reinstatements Pending	5	7
Suspended	3	1
Voluntary Surrender	2	6
Withdrawn	28	23

ADC Interns: 213

ADC Interns Pending: 541

* Applicants listed as “pending” include inactive/abandoned applications as well as those who have to complete yet completing their requirements for licensure or certification as well as interns.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

No report provided.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

No report provided.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Steven Liga, LCADC, Executive Director, National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD)

The Committee reviewed the January 6, 2015 letter submitted by Steven Liga, LCADC, regarding completing continuing education and the 270 educational hours online. *The Committee determined to refer this matter to the rules and regulations sub-committee.*

B. Glenn Duncan, LPC, LCADC

The Committee re- opened discussion regarding Mr. Duncan’s e-mail requesting clarification inquiring if LCADC’s may diagnose gambling disorders. *The Committee determined to inform Mr. Duncan that it recognizes that an LCADC, with appropriate training, can assess clients for related issues and treat as necessary. Related issues may include co-occurring disorders. In the absence of co-occurring substance related disorder (s), however, an LCADC would exceed his/her current scope by diagnosing and treating a stand-alone gambling disorder.*

X. FILED ORDERS

None to review.

XI. Addiction Professionals Certification Board of New Jersey MATTERS (APCBNJ)

No report provided.

XII. Division of Mental Health and Addiction Service Matters (DMHAS)

No report provided.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **February 27, 2015** 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

Meeting Dates for 2015

February 27, 2015	August - meeting canceled
March 27, 2015	September 25, 2015
April 24, 2015	October 23, 2015
May 22, 2015	November 20, 2015
June 26, 2015	December 18, 2015
July 24, 2015	

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Jamie Lugo, the Committee members present voted to enter Executive Session at 11:25 a.m. to review applications, plans of supervision, consumer complaints, and other pending disciplinary and confidential matters. When and if action is taken, it will be announced in public session. Voting in favor: all members present. Motion passed.

X. APPLICATION REVIEW

The following applications for licensure/certification and examination were reviewed and approve as noted:

Oral and Written Examinations

James M. DeAnnuntis

Jules A. Francois

Kathryn E. Gallagher

Sonia N. Garcia

Demetria K. Godwin

Deanna M. Little

Jennifer L. McNair

Donna P. O'Connor

Laura L. Peoples

Lauren A. Scholtz

Doris M. Vallejo

Keith L. Williams

Taheira M. Williams

Moria Wood

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Jamie Lugo, the Committee members present voted to adjourn the January 23, 2015 public session at 4:00 p.m. Voting in favor: all members present. Motion passed.

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